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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
FROM : [] Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--May 1988

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I. GENERAL

The Bureau Chief on the 31st met with officials at Cable and Wireless to discuss FBIS concerns over the prospect of the remote antenna field being moved to Cape Daguilar. These fears were prompted by comments of the antenna field supervisor to the C/ESG last month that the field would be moved in some 2-3 years' time. The Bureau Chief was assured by Peter Branson, general manager for marketing, that C&W does not have plans to move. //

This good news was tempered somewhat by the 80-percent chance that the Bureau's new microwave path will be blocked in about a year by another building under construction. Chief Technician [] and the Bureau Chief discussed alternative paths with C&W. The best available option appears to be to lease a T1 telephone line from the Bureau to New Mercury House; from there to Mount Butler and back via a C&W T1 or voice grade circuit; and then to the Bureau on a T1 line. The existing T1 circuit will be retained as a backup.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Bureau started receiving the Beijing CHINA ECONOMIC INFORMATION Database in English on 2 June. In response to apparent high interest at Headquarters and among consumers in this file, the Bureau initially will file liberally from the service to allow Headquarters to evaluate the material. Based on

this evaluation, the Bureau will either continue its liberal file or tailor the file more specifically to consumer interests.

2. Following several requests from TDY'ing analysts who have visited the Bureau recently for video materials on the Philippines, the Manila contractor will now send the Bureau more video tapes on appearances by President Aquino and principal cabinet ministers as well as on the evening talk shows the Bureau is covering.

3. At her initiative, Senior Editor [] devised a processing log for all Chinese-language materials in the translation pipeline. The Editorial Staff is finding that with the log, they have better control over the order in which materials get processed, thus overcoming a problem with the old system in which items could get "lost" and processing be delayed.

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4. On the evening of the 12th, two hijackers commandeered a Chinese airliner to Taiwan. The first reports were monitored that night from AFP, but the next night the Bureau remained open late to file several reports from the Chinese news agencies ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE and ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE, giving the most detailed information at that time from Chinese sources.

5. On Sunday, the 1st, a speech delivered by President Aquino on the occasion of Labor Day was monitored and one of the Philippine monitors was called in to process it. At mid-month, the military charged that a BBC reporter had paid for a rebel ambush in which several Philippine soldiers, including a general's son, were killed. The Bureau gave blanket, priority coverage of the charges so that the BBC's interests would be protected.

B. Lateral Services

1. In response to a BBC request on the 19th, the Bureau reviewed monitored Lhasa radio newscasts for a report on the sentencing to death of four Tibetans charged with killing policemen in the most recent rioting. A review revealed that no such reports had been monitored.

2. At the request of the Consulate, the Bureau texted a 3,000-word CHENG MING interview with a retired consul on the Consulate's visa policies. The Consulate expressed its great appreciation for our work.

3. Consul General Anderson has requested that Bureau Monitor Supervisor [] conduct an in-depth comparison and review of the PRC Chinese- and English-language texts of the Draft Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Mr Anderson explained that Sam's review will be relied upon by the Consulate in its discussions with local officials on the Basic Law.

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C. Technical

1. The long-delayed microwave re-route was finally completed in May after the arrival of the Andrews flange connectors. After the installation, it was found that the signal to noise ratio had degraded by at least 20 db. The receive signal measured at the Bureau was approximately -73 dbm. At the remote site, the signal to noise ratio was at least 10 db better. The system is working normally, although Group 3 channels have been found to be much noisier. There have also been occasional receiver alarms at the Bureau, but these have not affected operations. There have been no receiver alarms registered at Mount Butler. The overall performance of the system has been good.

2. A stand-alone Forum 88 computer in the Editorial Room was converted and had a modem attached so it could be used to access the CEI Database. Thus far, the system is working perfectly.

3. During his TDY, Regional Engineer [] created a batch file at each editor's work station so the AFP file can be accessed more easily. He also fixed the automatic scheduler, which had been functioning incorrectly since installation.

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4. The saga of the Bureau's defective security doors came to an end with the replacement of eight new windows in the doors on the 13th and 14th floors.

III. ADMINISTRATION

1. Chinese Monitor [] submitted his resignation effective 17 June. S.K. will be immigrating to Australia.

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2. New Chinese Monitor [] EOD'ed on the 31st. Another Chinese monitor is scheduled to EOD on 9 June. STAT

3. With [] resignation, the Bureau is still down two Chinese monitors. Ads were placed in the local press on the weekend of 13-15 May, and the Bureau received just over a dozen applications, down from the some 100 received 9 months ago. Testing of the applicants has produced one good candidate, and the Bureau will again advertise for the last vacancy in June. STAT

4. The Bureau's new Associate Editor is expected to EOD on or about 13 June.

5. With Headquarters approval, the Bureau ordered a new Mazda wagon to replace the present beast.

IV. VISITS

1. On the 5th, the Bureau Chief and Deputy met with visiting I.G. inspectors to discuss the issue of discipline.

2. Regional Engineer [] TDY'ed to the Bureau 15-21 May. STAT

V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

1. Senior Editor [] gave birth to a baby girl, named Laura, on the 28th. Mother and child are doing well. STAT

2. On the 19th, the Bureau Chief attended a USIS reception to welcome the 1988 Jefferson Fellows to Hong Kong.

3. The Bureau has initiated a first Friday in the month luncheon so employees can get to know each other better outside the office setting. We are now well-qualified to recommend the Bombay Palace for Indian delicacies to all visitors to Hong Kong.

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1014210
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	84000
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1610

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	3235	20430	249
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA

BEIJING DOMESTIC SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2230
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7390
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7820
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8080
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5420
HAIKOU HAINAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4520
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4720
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8450
LHASA TIBET REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5530
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2550
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2680
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9110

XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	15890	
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7850	
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0	
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6430	
BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH		720
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE		1470
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE		42370
HONG KONG XINHUA IN ENGLISH		1610
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE		1120
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH		51700
BEIJING FAZHI RIBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE		38920
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE		17170
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN BAO IN CHINESE		15950
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE		13440
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE		5230
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE		24810
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE		8450
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE		3330
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0

BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	6280
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	138070
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	620
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JINGJI TIZHI GAIGE IN CHINESE	2340
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JIZHE IN CHINESE	3430
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	3660
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	12040
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	1470
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	42550
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	6280
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	6140
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	18790
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	4360

WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	6510
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN ENGLISH	1290
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH	31880
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	11640
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE	10310
HONG KONG CHIEH FANG YUEH KAN IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE	7960
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	25320
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	3560
HONG KONG HSING TAO WAN PAO IN CHINESE	710
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	6290
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	900
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SING TAO JIH PAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	37420
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	7670
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	4560
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	9260
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	1720
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	17230

PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	990
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	8760
MANILA MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY DZRH IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY DZRH IN	
TAGALOG	4530
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN	
TAGALOG	16230
QUEZON CITY GMA-7 RADIO-TELEVISION ARTS NETWORK IN	
ENGLISH	850
QUEZON CITY GMA-7 RADIO-TELEVISION ARTS NETWORK IN	
TAGALOG	5340
QUEZON CITY PEOPLE'S TELEVISION 4 IN	
ENGLISH	4380
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
ENGLISH	5720
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
TAGALOG	29110
QUEZON CITY RPN 9 TELEVISION IN	
ENGLISH	3090
QUEZON CITY SPORTS RADIO 738 IN	
ENGLISH	490
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY PERIODIKO DABAW IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA BUSINESS STAR IN	
ENGLISH	38820
MANILA BUSINESS WORLD IN	
ENGLISH	21370

MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	14810
MANILA MANILA STANDARD IN ENGLISH	720
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY GLOBE IN ENGLISH	32280
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH	15320
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN ENGLISH	41290
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	310
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINES STAR IN ENGLISH	1610
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY MALAYA IN ENGLISH	12970
QUEZON CITY NATIONAL MIDWEEK IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	0